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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WHITE ANGOLAN POLITICAL LEADER TO ZAIRE

1. LUANDA PRESS OCT 2 REPORTED THAT FERNANDO FALCAO, A WHITE BUSINESS LEADER, HEAD OF THE ANGOLAN UNITY FRONT (FUA) AND A RECENTLY APPOINTED SENIOR MINISTER IN ANGOLA'S GOVERNMENT, LEFT BY PRIVATE PLANE FOR KINSHASA ON OCT 1. HIS VISIT IS REPORTEDLY AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, FALCAO IS TRAVELLING AS HEAD OF FUA AND NOT AS A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

2. PRESS SPECULATION ON THE REASONS FOR THE VISIT EXTEND FROM THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS NEGOTIATING A CEASE-FIRE WITH FNLA TO ASSISTING THE FORMATION OF A UNITED FRONT WITH HOLDEN ROBERTO OF FNLA, DANIEL CHIPENDA AND MARIO ANDRADE OF MPLA AND POSSIBLY JONAS SAVIMBI OF UNITA. FALCAO HAS CLAIMED T BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SAVIMBI.

3. ONE STORY ALSO SPECULATED THAT AN ACCORD ON ANGOLA'S FUTURE MAY BE REACHED MUCH SOONER THAN MOST PEOPLE THINK, AND THAT FALCAO'S TRIP TO KINSHASA IS THE KEY TO A SETTLEMENT.

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